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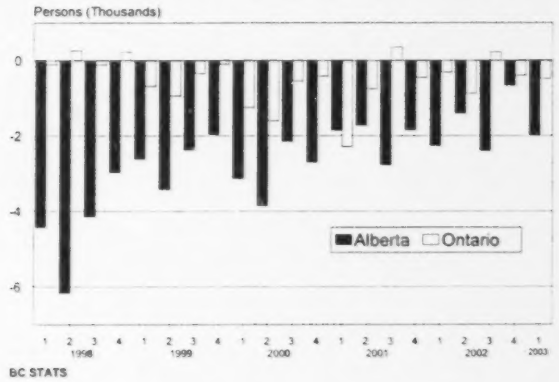
Migration Highlights ♦ First Quarter 2003

During the first quarter of 2003, B.C. gained a total of 4,448 persons as a result of net migration from **all sources**. This compares to the increase of 8,148 in the first quarter of 2002. This decline in total net migration for the latest quarter was a result of a larger net outflow to other provinces and a large decline in the net international migration.

In comparison with previous first quarter migration flows, the net **interprovincial** outflow was the largest since first quarter of 2000.

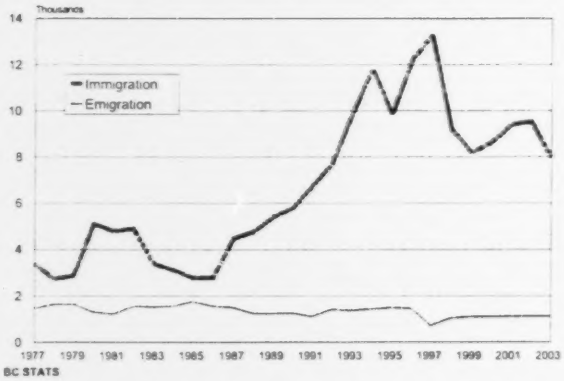
The increase in net outflow of people to Alberta (-1,970) was the main reason for the net interprovincial outflow for the quarter. The only regions with a positive net migration flow to BC were Saskatchewan (+18) and the Territories (+50).

First quarter Net Migration to Alberta was lower in 2003 than in 2002, but higher to Ontario



Net **international** migration to the province declined, from the first quarter 2002 net inflow of 10,337 to a 2003 first quarter net inflow of 7,195 persons. This resulted from a combination of a decline in immigration (from 9,527 to 7,974) and a slight increase in emigration (from 1,106 to 1,117). The changes in the levels of Non-Permanent Residents, Net Temporary Abroad, and Returning Emigrants also contributed to the difference. Looking at the first quarter immigration and emigration since 1977 we can see that immigration, apart from the extraordinary levels in the early to mid 1990's, is at reasonably high levels.

First quarter Immigration and Emigration

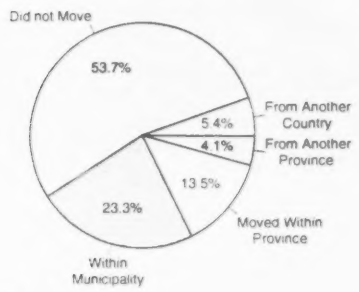


Immigration to Canada decreased considerably from the first quarter last year (from 61,524 to 45,560), while B.C.'s share of total Canadian immigration increased from 15.5% to 17.5%.

The annual British Columbia population growth remained at 0.8% in the first quarter. Alberta (1.5%) and Ontario (1.1%) again demonstrated the highest annual growth rates of the provinces. Nunavut continued to have the highest growth of any region at 2.4%.

Population Growth First Quarter 2003	(000s)
Population: Jan 1, 2003	4,155.8
Plus Interprovincial Arrivals	11.0
Minus Interprovincial Departures	13.8
Plus Immigrants	8.0
Minus Total Net Emigrants	1.8
Net Non-Permanent Residents	1.0
Plus Births	9.8
Minus Deaths	7.5
Population Apr 1, 2003	4,162.5

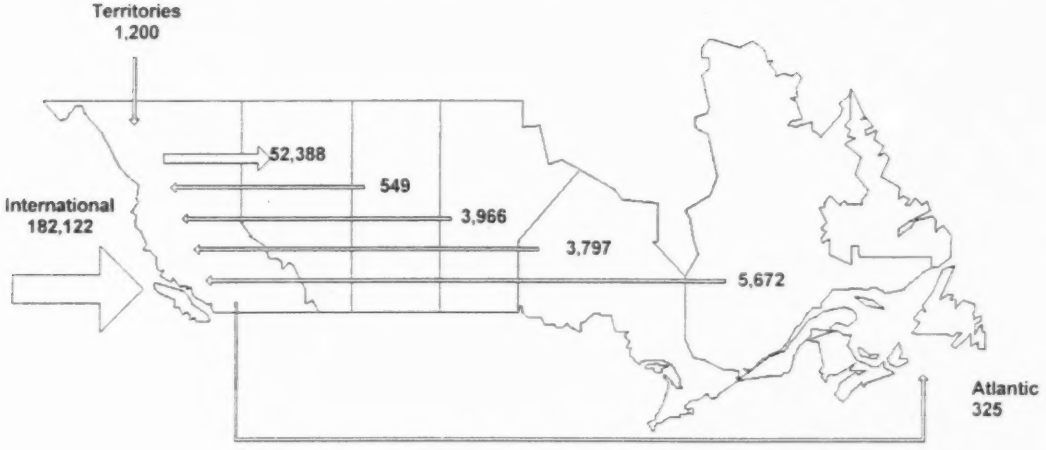
B.C. Population by Mobility Status
1996-2001



Source: 2001 Census

Tracking of interprovincial migration (ie. migration between provinces) indicated that B.C. lost population to other parts of Canada over the period of 1996-2001. While B.C. was the most popular destination for interprovincial migrants from other provinces/territories during the first half of the decade, there was a net loss of 37,500 persons during the later part of the decade. This was a net result of an inflow of 241,000 people combined with a high outflow of 278,500 persons. Over the 1996-2001 period, Alberta was the source for the majority of migrants arriving in B.C., but that province was also the destination for a large number of B.C. residents leaving the province. In fact, with the exception of Alberta, B.C. gained population in net terms from most other provinces, and only had a small net loss of population to the Atlantic region. The net loss of 52,388 people to Alberta was the single biggest drain of B.C.'s population over the 1996-2001 period.

Net Population Movement For British Columbia
Jul 1996 to Jun 2001
Net Inflow : 144,593 Persons



Immigrants to B.C. (migrants from another country) more than made up for the loss of the province's population due to interprovincial migration. During the period 1996-2001, a total of 204,000 immigrants (including temporary residents from overseas) came to B.C. and 38,000 emigrants left B.C. to other countries. This resulted in a total net

Net Population Movement For British Columbia
Jan 2003 to Mar 2003
Net Inflow : 4,448 Persons

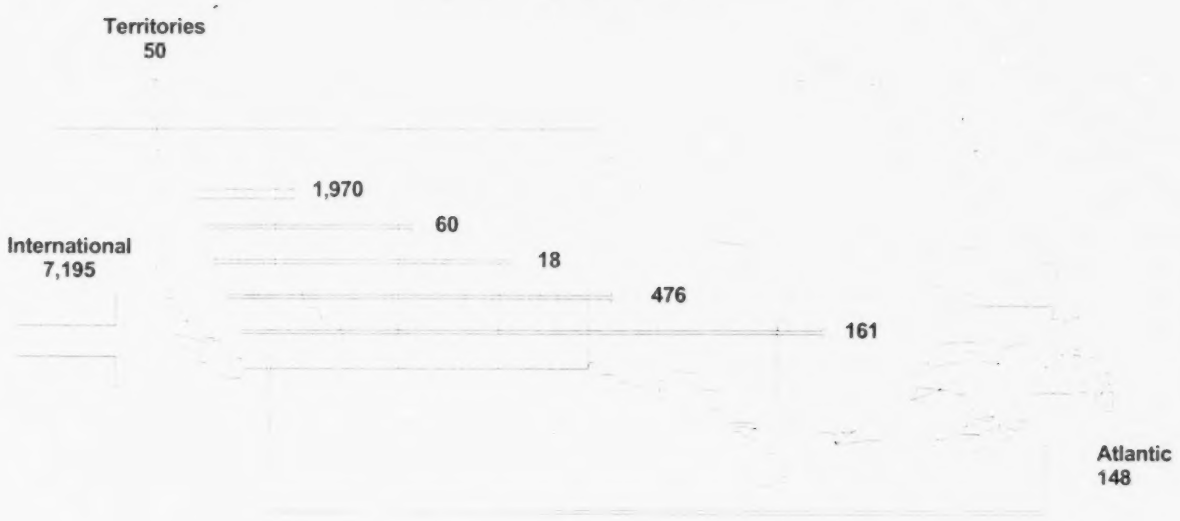


Table 1
Provincial Migration Flow
Jan 2003 to Mar 2003

Origin \ Destination	Nfld	PEI	NS	NB	Que	Ont	Man	Sask	Alta	BC	Yukon	NWT	Nvt
Nfld	-	89	482	108	50	1,444	124	28	700	131	0	38	18
PEI	55	-	108	112	15	144	0	22	128	0	0	0	0
NS	392	142	-	799	68	1,660	101	48	643	198	0	25	49
NB	196	80	733	-	552	861	56	25	432	184	0	0	0
Que	107	117	116	422	-	4,534	156	152	570	466	0	21	29
Ont	1,364	260	1,519	816	3,906	-	1,320	302	3,683	3,131	34	56	68
Man	57	31	89	65	106	1,407	-	648	1,168	740	20	20	48
Sask	13	0	68	52	105	470	1,130	-	3,791	567	0	81	17
Alta	647	68	488	368	258	2,761	1,180	2,108	-	5,258	83	188	15
BC	166	0	350	145	627	3,607	722	627	7,228	-	161	123	0
Yukon	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	146	187	-	12	0
NWT	0	0	26	21	12	20	51	43	261	147	83	-	114
Nvt	10	39	0	12	48	75	81	53	0	0	0	65	-
In-Flow	3,007	826	3,979	2,920	5,747	16,993	4,921	4,056	18,750	11,009	381	629	358
Out-Flow	3,212	584	4,125	3,119	6,690	16,459	4,399	6,294	13,422	13,756	355	778	383
Net Interprov.	-205	242	-146	-199	-943	534	522	-2,238	5,328	-2,747	26	-149	-25
Net Internat.										7,195			
Total Net										4,448			

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Table 2

Quarterly Components of Population Change for British Columbia

		Migration									Natural Increase			Total	Population	
		Interprovincial			International					Total Net						
Year	Quarter	In	Out	Net	Immigration	Emigration	Net N.P.R.	Net Temp. Abroad	Returning Emigrants	Net	Migration	Births	Deaths	Natural Increase	Total Increase	Population at End of Period	Annual Growth Rate (%)
1999	1	8,515	11,951	-3,436	8,180	1,084	1,066	740	523	7,945	4,509	10,243	7,478	2,765	7,274	4,018,155	0.7
1999	2	12,274	16,506	-4,232	9,087	1,249	2,256	784	941	10,251	6,019	10,935	6,829	4,106	10,125	4,028,280	0.8
1999	3	14,999	17,681	-2,682	10,172	3,121	2,920	1,425	1,098	9,644	6,962	10,782	6,528	4,254	11,216	4,039,496	0.9
1999	4	7,781	9,844	-2,063	8,667	1,798	-1,461	1,036	540	4,912	2,849	9,979	7,182	2,797	5,646	4,045,142	0.9
	Total	43,569	55,982	-12,413	36,106	7,252	4,781	3,985	3,102	32,752	20,339	41,939	28,017	13,922	34,261		
2000	1	9,272	13,871	-4,599	8,609	1,090	1,958	831	523	9,169	4,570	10,162	7,229	2,933	7,503	4,052,645	0.9
2000	2	11,413	16,679	-5,266	9,494	1,255	415	878	941	8,717	3,451	10,682	6,645	4,037	7,488	4,060,133	0.8
2000	3	15,001	17,096	-2,095	10,318	3,166	2,220	1,600	1,098	8,870	6,775	10,378	6,463	3,915	10,690	4,070,823	0.8
2000	4	8,323	11,146	-2,823	8,991	1,819	-17	1,162	540	6,533	3,710	9,450	6,936	2,514	6,224	4,077,047	0.8
	Total	44,009	58,792	-14,783	37,412	7,330	4,576	4,471	3,102	33,289	18,506	40,672	27,273	13,399	31,905		
2001	1	8,597	10,134	-1,537	9,391	1,099	2,342	932	523	10,225	8,688	9,894	7,270	2,624	11,312	4,088,359	0.9
2001	2	11,417	13,248	-1,831	10,761	1,269	1,981	986	941	11,428	9,597	10,669	7,046	3,623	13,220	4,101,579	1.0
2001	3	18,913	20,204	-1,291	10,483	3,203	4,603	1,795	1,095	11,183	9,892	10,437	6,813	3,624	13,516	4,115,095	1.1
2001	4	9,837	11,510	-1,673	7,682	1,835	50	1,305	538	5,130	3,457	9,581	7,242	2,339	5,796	4,120,891	1.1
	Total	48,764	55,096	-6,332	38,317	7,406	8,976	5,018	3,097	37,966	31,634	40,581	28,371	12,210	43,844		
2002	1	10,955	13,144	-2,189	9,527	1,106	2,443	1,045	518	10,337	8,148	9,576	7,612	1,964	10,112	4,131,003	1.0
2002	2	12,949	14,790	-1,841	10,102	1,280	72	1,106	930	8,718	6,877	10,393	7,001	3,392	10,269	4,141,272	1.0
2002	3	20,188	21,201	-1,013	8,046	3,249	3,243	2,014	1,080	7,106	6,093	10,417	6,741	3,676	9,769	4,151,041	0.9
2002	4	11,205	11,499	-294	6,271	1,856	-808	1,465	532	2,674	2,380	9,665	7,307	2,358	4,738	4,155,779	0.8
	Total	44,092	49,135	-5,043	27,675	5,635	5,758	4,165	2,528	26,161	21,118	30,386	21,354	9,032	30,150		
2003	1	11,009	13,756	-2,747	7,974	1,117	989	1,173	522	7,195	4,448	9,758	7,450	2,308	6,756	4,162,535	0.8

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Source: Statistics Canada -- CANSIM.

Note: Net N.P.R. - Net change in the number of Non-Permanent Residents.
Due to revisions on the part of Statistics Canada, the sum of the components may not equal the population change.
All figures subject to revision.

Table 3
Quarterly Components of Change Per 1000 Population for British Columbia

		Migration										Natural Increase			Total	Population	
		Interprovincial			International						Total Net						
Year	Quarter	In	Out	Net	Immigration	Emigration	Net N.P.R.	Net Temp. Abroad	Returning Emigrants	Net	Migration	Births	Deaths	Natural Increase	Total Increase	Population at End of Period	Annual Growth Rate (%)
1999	1	2.1	3.0	-0.9	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	2.0	1.1	2.5	1.9	0.7	1.8	4,018,155	0.7
1999	2	3.0	4.1	-1.1	2.3	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.2	2.5	1.5	2.7	1.7	1.0	2.5	4,028,280	0.8
1999	3	3.7	4.4	-0.7	2.5	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.3	2.4	1.7	2.7	1.6	1.1	2.8	4,039,496	0.9
1999	4	1.9	2.4	-0.5	2.1	0.4	-0.4	0.3	0.1	1.2	0.7	2.5	1.8	0.7	1.4	4,045,142	0.9
2000	1	2.3	3.4	-1.1	2.1	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.1	2.3	1.1	2.5	1.8	0.7	1.9	4,052,645	0.9
2000	2	2.8	4.1	-1.3	2.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	2.1	0.8	2.6	1.6	1.0	1.8	4,060,133	0.8
2000	3	3.7	4.2	-0.5	2.5	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.3	2.2	1.7	2.5	1.6	1.0	2.6	4,070,823	0.8
2000	4	2.0	2.7	-0.7	2.2	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.1	1.6	0.9	2.3	1.7	0.6	1.5	4,077,047	0.8
2001	1	2.1	2.5	-0.4	2.3	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.1	2.5	2.1	2.4	1.8	0.6	2.8	4,088,359	0.9
2001	2	2.8	3.2	-0.4	2.6	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.2	2.8	2.3	2.6	1.7	0.9	3.2	4,101,579	1.0
2001	3	4.6	4.9	-0.3	2.5	0.8	1.1	0.4	0.3	2.7	2.4	2.5	1.7	0.9	3.3	4,115,095	1.1
2001	4	2.4	2.8	-0.4	1.9	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.1	1.2	0.8	2.3	1.8	0.6	1.4	4,120,891	1.1
2002	1	2.7	3.2	-0.5	2.3	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.1	2.5	2.0	2.3	1.8	0.5	2.4	4,131,003	1.0
2002	2	3.1	3.6	-0.4	2.4	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2	2.1	1.7	2.5	1.7	0.8	2.5	4,141,272	1.0
2002	3	4.9	5.1	-0.2	1.9	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.3	1.7	1.5	2.5	1.6	0.9	2.4	4,151,041	0.9
2002	4	3.1	3.6	-0.4	2.4	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2	2.1	1.7	2.5	1.7	0.8	2.5	4,141,272	1.0
2003	1	2.7	2.8	-0.1	1.5	0.4	-0.2	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.6	2.3	1.8	0.6	1.1	4,155,779	0.8

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